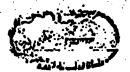
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Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation

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Hovember 7, 1969

FOR

Fr. Herb Finch, Pringer Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation 7200 Valker Street St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55426

Mr. R. J. Boyle, Secretary

and Republic Creosoting Company 1615 Nerchants Bank Building Indianapolis, Indiana \$620

CONCERNENCE

7200 Walker Street St. Louis Park, Minnesota

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V. L. Rushfeldt, mafety consultant, on October 27, 1969

PERSONS CONTACTED

Herb Finch, managor Warde Barton, superintendent Bill Justin, superintendent

REPORT SUMMARY

Mr. Finch, Hr. Barton, Hr. Justin, and I reviewed the unfavorable safety record for the past year. These gentlemen have expressed deep concern about the accidents which have occurred, and have expressed a desire to establish measures which will prevent accidents. Er. Finch agreed to initiate and promote the following accident prevention measures.

- Establish a written policy on safety, together with safety rules and standards.
- Delegate safety responsibility to supervisory people. Hake them realize that safety is a part of their job, and they must do things, like enforce the use of hard hats, and so forth.
- Conduct monthly plant safety inspections and keep records of same. Followup by appropriate corrective action as necessary. Our form, 'Safety Inspector's Report, has been provided.
- When an accident does occur, request the immediate foreman to make an accident investigation for cause and further require him to indicate what corrective action he has taken. In many cases, corrective action will take form of instruction to the man in question and others doing the same type of work.

This confirmation of service concerns only such conditions and practices as were observed and considered at the time of this call. It is not intended to indicate that all other hazards are adequately controlled.

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If you have any comments or questions concerning this report, write to G. B. Lemke, Vice-President, Safety & Health Services.

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- 5. In the absence of a pre-employment physical examination, ask the applicant about past accidents and illnesses. Add questions to the application which will reveal this information. This will assist in selection and placement of employees. Information may be secured which may indicate registration under the Hinnesota Second Injury Law.
- Require the use of hard hets. Mr. Finch said this would be mandatory after Jenuary 15, 1970.

"Concrete spalls occasionally fall from the ceiling in the refinery building. Fr. Justin said he cannot get a contractor to make the necessary repairs.

We noted that the the large tar cistern is largely opened, the old roof structure over it having deteriorated with age. This large, open cistern presents a hazard to vorkman, and especially to children who might play in the yard. This eistern should be covered or possibly enclosed with a cyclone fence.

"Despite efforts to keep them out, children do play in the yard. Ir. Barton indicated they climb on the piles of railroad ties stacked in the yard. It would be advisable to enclose the yard with a cyclone fance.

"The catvalks on storage tanks 11 to 16 have not been changed. Mr. Justin indicated he is planning a change in the tank arrangement.

"First-aid supplies are on hand."

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